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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA, ORR

MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1958

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

A. Accomplishments and Coordination Activities

1. In spite of the fewer working days in February and the general increase in leave taken -- due to illness and the snow -- work in the Geographic Area progressed well during the month, and a large number of reports and memoranda were issued in final form.

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7. Chief/G continued to participate in the deliberations of Task Force 16, which is examining the organizational alignment of FDD and the Map Library. Work has progressed to the point where a final statement of the Task Force's findings is in preparation.

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10. Chief/G participated with Deputy Chief/E and other Agency officials in an Area Training Conference called by OTR to examine currently offered area training programs and to relate OTR regional training needs to program planning by OTR.

11. The Section 19 portion of the NIS Chapter I Annual for Poland was very favorably received by both the Chapter I Coordinator and the AD/BI. Chief, Geography Division, and Chief, Coordination Staff, attended the NIS Committee Meeting at which the entire Annual was discussed and evaluated and it was decided that a second Annual -- NIS 35, India -- should be prepared to better assess the amount of time and effort that would be required for an Annual program.

12. As part of the recent survey of NIS production problems, two representatives of the Inspector General's office were briefed by the Cartography and Geography Divisions on their responsibilities in support of the NIS program and problems arising from NIS obligations.

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